

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARK ALFORD,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:22-cv-01056-ADA-CDB

ORDER ON JOINT REQUEST TO PERMIT  
AMENDED PLEADINGS AND TO CONTINUE  
SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

(Doc. 17)

Plaintiff Mark Alford (“Plaintiff”) initiated this action on August 19, 2022. (Doc. 1). On February 16, 2023, the Court granted the parties’ request and extended Defendant’s time to respond to the complaint to March 13, 2023. (Doc. 14).

On March 10, 2023, the parties filed a joint request regarding amending the complaint and schedule now at issue. (Doc. 17). A party may amend its pleadings with the opposing party’s written consent or the court’s leave. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(2). The court shall freely give leave when justice so requires. *Id.* Pursuant to Rule 15(a)(2), and based on the parties’ representations and for good cause shown, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Plaintiff shall file an amended complaint not later than March 17, 2023;
2. The United States of America shall file a response to Plaintiff’s amended complaint, by motion or otherwise, not later than May 5, 2023;

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **March 13, 2023**

Chris D. Brown  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE